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According to one aspect of the present invention there is provided a method of forming a blister pack comprising contacting a base sheet having a blister pocket containing a product therein with a cover sheet and applying laser energy to form a hermetically sealing join between the cover sheet and the blister pocket of the base sheet.

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The join is, for example, a weld or solder join. A weld is herein considered a join formed by fusion of two materials, whereas a solder is considered to be a join formed between two materials and fusible alloy. A hermetically sealing join comprises a seal which is airtight.

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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 10 and 35.

Please amend claims 1, 5-7, 11-16, 18-19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 29, 31, 32, 34, 83 and 84 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of forming a blister pack comprising contacting a base sheet having a blister pocket containing a product therein with a cover sheet and applying laser energy to form a hermetically sealing join between said cover sheet and said blister pocket of said base sheet.

5. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the laser energy derives from a laser source which is movable relative to the base and cover sheet to enable correct positioning of the join.

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6. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the laser energy derives from a fixed laser source and the base and cover sheet are movable to enable correct positioning of the join.

A5 7. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the laser energy is guidable by means of a guide mechanism to enable correct positioning of the join.

11. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the join has a zig-zag configuration.

12. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the join has a multi-dot configuration.

A6 13. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the join is continuous.

14. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the laser energy is supplied by a laser source having a maximum average power of from 10W to 200W, and a maximum peak power of from 1kW to 10kW.

15. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the laser energy is applicable in continuous fashion.

16. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the laser energy is applicable in pulsed fashion.

A7 18. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the join has a join width of from 5 μ m to 10mm, preferably from 10 μ m to 1mm, more preferably from 10 to 200 μ m, most preferably from 20 to 100 μ m.

A 19. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the base sheet and cover sheet comprise material selected from the group consisting of metal foil, an organic polymeric material and paper.

21.(Amended) A method according to claim 19, wherein the base sheet and/or the cover sheet comprises a laminate.

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22.(Amended) A method according to claim 1, additionally comprising applying laser energy to form one or more additional joins between each blister pocket.

24. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, additionally comprising foldably interlocking the base sheet with the cover sheet to provide a plurality of join sites therebetween and applying laser energy to form plural joins at each said site.

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25. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, additionally comprising applying laser energy to form score lines on the or each cover sheet and/or base sheet.

29. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, additionally comprising applying laser energy to cut the blister pack.

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31.(Amended) A method according to claim 29, comprising cutting the blister pack to a specifiable size.

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32.(Amended) A method according to claim 29, comprising cutting the blister pack to provide sprocket holes therein.

34.(Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the method is controllable by a computer.

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83. (Amended) A method according to claim 81, wherein said medicament is selected from the group consisting of albuterol, salmeterol, ipratropium bromide, fluticasone propionate and beclomethasone dipropionate and salts or solvates thereof and any mixtures thereof.

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84.(Amended) Blister pack formable by the method of claim 1.